conservation of monuments. The core of the project is formed by the key historic structures, the Taj Mahal and the Agra Red Fort and the area across the Yamuna river designated as Mumtaj Bagh. This would also cover satellite sites like Fatehpur Sikri and Sikandra. The concept plan is under preparation by the National Park Service. Based on the recommendations of the concept plan, the State Government and the Agra Development Authority would take necessary action.

Development of Nature Tourism

4. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are paying adequate attention towards nature tourism;

(b) if so, the places identified by Government for nature tourism;

(c) whether it is a fact that accommodation problem also persists at these nature tourism spots; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated by Government for providing accommodation facilities there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The Government of India is paying adequate attention to all activities for promotion of tourism within the country. The development of infrastructural facilities at Tourist Centres is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Centre provides financial assistance on the basis of the specific proposals which are considered on their merits, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Construction of Air Strip at Tigerhill, Darjeeling

5. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed air strip to be constructed at Tigerhill, Darjeeling has not been permitted by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b), The proposal of the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council though found feasible for setting up an airstrip of 6500 ft. × 150 ft. at Tigerhill but was not found suitable from environment angle.

Crash of Airbus A-320 in France

6. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA :
SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Civil Aviation has sent a special request to the Director of safety Airbus Industries asking them to send the preliminary report of investigation into the causes of accident involving Airbus A-320 plane which crashed recently in France;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any such report, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what safety measures Government propose to take in respect of Airbus A-320 which are in service with Indian Airlines in view of French mishap of the Airbus?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Director General of Civil Aviation, India had requested Director General of Civil Aviation, France for details.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Preliminary investigation indicated possibility of confusion between the selection of vertical speed and flight path angle.

(c) Director General of Civil Aviation advised Indian Airlines to :

(1) Apprise their pilots operating A-320 aircraft of the possible confusion and to ensure proper crew coordination procedures.

(2) A general circular be issued on this aspect to all A-320 pilots for their information and guidance.

(3) All Examiners/Instructors/Check Pilots of A-320 aircraft may also be advised to check this item during any route/proficiency checks.

Cancellation of Flight Schedules of Indian Airlines/Air India

7. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of flight schedules of Air India and Indian Airlines cancelled due to the strike by the Indian Airlines/Air India pilots or Engineering staff during the past one year, month-wise;

(b) what is the number of flight schedules of Air India/Indian Airlines cancelled due to the requisitioning of planes for the tours of VIPs during the past one year;

(c) what is the number of flight schedules of Air India/Indian Airlines cancelled due to the non-availability of spare parts during the past one year; and

(d) what is the total number of flight schedules of Air India/Indian Airlines cancelled during the past one year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Due to Pilots' strike in Air India, 160 single flights were cancelled in May, 1991 while in Indian Airlines, 2 flights were cancelled, 13 combined into 6 and one withdrawn in November, 1991 and 94 cancelled on 20th/21st December, 1991 and a truncated schedule was introduced from 22nd till 26th December, 1991.

(b) No flights were cancelled in Indian Airlines while 9 round-trip flights were cancelled in Air India in November, 1991 and 2 in December, 1991.

(c) During the past one year, no flight of Air India/Indian Airlines was cancelled due to non-availability of spare parts.

(d) During the past one year, 479 round-trip flights of Air India and 2903 flights of Indian Airlines were cancelled.

Setting up of Light and Sound Show in Sibsagar, Assam

8. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a light and sound show programme at Talatal Ghar of Sibsagar, Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Strike by pilots in Indian Airlines

9. SHRI. RAGHAVJI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the Pilots of Indian Airlines went on a flash strike on Saturday the 21st December, 1991 resulting in cancellation of majority of flights throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what were the reasons which compelled the pilots to resort to the strike;

(c) what is the total loss suffered by the Indian Airlines on this account and the details of services affected and cancelled;

(d) whether it is also a fact that on the intervention of the Government the strike was called off by the Pilots but the Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Airlines resigned in protest;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof